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Thinking Out Loud

By H. M. L.

No one, of course, can write history in advance, any more than rivers can be made to run uphill. But every now and then one must examine today's facts in the light of history, the facts of the past, and make deductions, or come to conclusions regarding what the future holds for us. This may either a gloomy or a pleasand pastime. But in any event it is profitable.

For instance, the conclusions of this writer regarding the import of what happened in Wisconsin last Tuesday, are quite different from those expressed by the majority of our Republican friends. We see no portent there that Mr. Dewey, governor of New York can be elected president, though quite clearly, he can be nominated. We do not believe he is as isolationist as Mr. Willkie, in his political swan song, implied, but we do believe that the majority of this country is now definitely convinced the United States must assume its share of responsibility in world affairs, in war or peace, and that any suspicion of isolationism attached to any presidential candidate will inevitably mean his defeat next November. As has often been remarked in this column, from the view point of dollar and cents, it is far cheaper to take the leadership in world affairs and maintain the necessary force on land and sea to do so effectively, than it is to sit back and let other nations get into trouble and then with a mighty effort plunge into a war to help them, and ourselves out of the trouble.

We doubt if the Republicans can elect a president in November. We think it unfortunate that Wendell Willkie did not attack both the foreign and domestic policies of the New Deal—Democratic administration much earlier and and more aggressively than he did, but we do not believe Governor Dewey can for a moment match the power, or overtake the momentum, so to speak, that will carry Mr. Roosevelt onward into a fourth term! We have to remember that Dewey is a much younger man and that while he did an excellent job as district attorney of New York, and has since been a first rate governor of New York, he has had very little to do with this war, and has given no evidence of any large interest in the peace to follow. These are the things this country is mainly concerned with today. It may be argued that Dewey's experience in eradicating gangsterism in New York especially fits him to deal with the super-gangsters of Berlin and Tokyo. but that argument falls when one considers that the Berlin-Tokyo mobsters are heroes to their own millions of followers.

So what we see, without gazin the crystal sphere, is Mr. Roosevelt elected to a fourth term, and a shift in the congressional seats, which will give the country a majority of Republicans. If Mr. Roosevelt does not enjoy this particular political hell on earth, after 12 years of a rubber stamping (with a few notable exceptions) Congress, the answer, is: he asked for it.

After 16 years in the White House Franklin Delano Roosevelt will probably have had enough. We doubt if he runs for a fifth term. But in the four years to come we shall have a battle royal in Washington. Probably the Republican majority will try to put this country on an even keel. They will prune the arrogance of organized labor and try to persuade them to live with the rest of us like reasonable citizens. We recall that in Theodore Roosevelt's time a lot of restrictions were clamped on arrogant corporations to make them come down to a plain, democratic earth, so that the rest of us could live with them. The pendulum in the last twelve years has swung the other way and now we need an understanding Republican Congress to redress the balance. It is due, and we feel confident, it is coming.

It is within the realm of possibility, of course, that having observed how easy it is to subsidize a large segment of the population, by merely borrowing the people's money, the Republicans may endeavor to take over, and carry on from where the New Dealers were forced to drop it. But its dangers are so obvious that we doubt whether such an attempt will be made. We still think the party of Abraham Lincoln has been proved historically to be better business managers, than any other. The party has that reputation and we confidently expect it will live up to it.

GRASS VALLEY LAD PLAYS FOR ENGLISH RULERS

Mrs. William D. Woods, wife of Undersheriff Woods, has received a letter from her son, Jfc. John Cooper a member of a regimental band, which recently played for royal family in England where he is stationed. The letter was mailed in England March 30th. The young soldier writes:

"I finally got to see the King and Queen and Princess Elizabeth. The princess is a very lovely girl and the king and queen were very informal and pleasant to every one. It sure was a thrill to play for them and I will never forget the experience.

"The band may play in London for a week, but we wont know for sometime. But we are hoping to go.

"We are plenty busy over here, doing our damnest to finish up the war and come home. It gives me a pain to read about the strikes and people hollering for more money. I guess some people never realize that this war is no pushover and that it isn't won yet.

"Have you any walunts left. They are quite a luxury here. I saw a lemon yesterday, the first in quite awhile. We're having another kiddy party and I'm going to help entertain them again. I sure enjoy doing it because they are so appreciative."

Cooper was employed for five years in the State Printing Office after graduating from the Grass Valley High School. He has a wide circle of friends in both cities. H. F. Sofge, secretary of the Nevada City Chamber of Commerce, was at one time, his boss.

HIGHWAY PATROL TO CHECK AUTO LICENSES

Motor vehicle owners of Nevada County today were admonished by Gordon H. Garland, director of the Department of Motor Vehicles, to paste their 1944 registration stickers on their windshields as soon as they receive them.

Director Garland said this is necessary for the protection of the motorists themselves as members of the California Highway Patrol will shortly begin stopping all vehicles not displaying the stickers.

Approximately 2,300,000 stickers have been mailed out to the motorists of the state, he announced. It is expected that the remainder will have been cleared by April 15th.

Department officials believe large numbers of vehicle owners have received their stickers but have neglected to paste them on their windshields as instructed. The stickers will be displayed as evidence of registration renewal in lieu of license plates.

Here are other instructions by Garland:

The sticker is mailed in the same envelope with the 1944 registration card. Don't overlook it when the registration card is removed.

Remove the sticker carefully from the cellophane envelope and paste the gummed surface to the windshield in a seven inch square in the lower corner farthest removed from the driver's position.

FEW SNIPERS AT WORK ON STREAM

C. C. Bennetts, who owns placer and quartz gold bearing claims in the Edwards Grade area, was a business visitor in Nevada City Thursday. He stated so far he had only seen one sniper, on the rivers or streams in his district. This man was on the Shovel Placers at the Bigelow Bros. property near Columbia Hill. Low water and war work accounts for the lack of snipers. His neighbor, Tom Bigelow, complains of lack of moisture and stated he would have to haul water to his victory garden this week if more rain did not fall.

Bennetts has been working his claim the past twenty five years. When he first went there he had a six room home. Thieves robbed and burned his home six years ago he stated. He continues to work his property and lives in a house on the property.

HOUSER PAYS TRIBUTE TO GOV. WARREN

A cordial tribute to Governor Earl Warren and particularly for the excellence of his appointments was voiced yesterday by Lt. Gov. Fred F. Houser candidate for United States Senator.

Answering the question that is being raised repeatedly as to who would become governor in California if Warren were nominated and elected either president of vice president and Houser were elected United States senator, Candidate Houser said:

"For the good of our country and the good of our party, the Republican convention this year may see fit to draft Earl Warren, either for the presidency or the vice presidency.

Assuming that Warren by reason of his election to one of these offices found it necessary to resign as governor, the lieutenant governor in the ordinary course of events would become governor.

Then assuming that Houser were elected United States senator—

"Just as I knew definitely that I had been elected United States senator, which under the law could not be later than December 16, 1944," said Houser, "I would resign as lieutenant governor.

"A vacancy would thereby be created in the office of lieutenant governor, which Governor Warren would, in accordance with the law, fill by appointment. Approximately a month later Warren would resign to assume the office of president or vice president. Thereupon a man previously appointed by Warren as lieutenant governor would automatically become governor of California."

"Virtually everyone in California" added Houser, "has confidence in Governor Warren's administration, and this is particularly true as to his appointments. I therefore feel confident that the person selected by Warren to succeed himself as governor of this state would be an able chief executive."

The statements coming from Houser are greeted by political observers as a refutation of any ill will between the governor and the lieutenant governor. Political observers regard it as a pledge of Houser cordiality and cooperation.

FREE COURSE IN ENGINEERING AT STANFORD

Dozens of beginning draftsmen, trained at Stanford University in its ESMWT course engineering drafting and technical calculations, are now at work in the engineering rooms of the shipyards, aviation plants and various industries now working on war contracts. Some of these students have made remarkable progress on their jobs and know that they are contributing to victory. Stanford University will open another short, 11 weeks, tuition free drafting course on April 17th. High school graduates with two years of mathematics are eligible. Interested persons should get in touch with the War Training Office, Stanford University, California.

SHAMROCK CAFE STORE ROOM TO BE YOUTH CENTER

The store building once occupied by the Shamrock Cafe is to be converted into a Nevada City Youth Center. The city council will finance the enterprise for six months to the extent of $1500. This was the upshot of the meeting of citizens with the city council last Thursday evening.

Mrs. D. S. Bonebrake is chairman of the adult council and Lambert Thomas is secretary. The student council consists of William Tobiassen, Ruth Libbey, Bob Molthen, Mary Hawkins and Kenneth Ronningen. That an expression of the under-grade student might be received in. the matter, Charles Hawkins of the 8th grade and Ray Ellis of the 7th grade were appointed as representatives of the Nevada City Elementary School.

Members of the adult council consist of H. S. Foreman, Lloyd Geist, Mrs. E. O. Berger, Father Virgil Gabrielli, Mrs. Jesse P. Morgan, Mrs. Hal Draper, Mrs. Theodore Nelson, Mrs. Howard Sturtevant and Miss Helen Chapman.

Mayor Benjamin Hall and City Councilmen Frank Davies and Al Seaman and City Clerk George Calanan have cooperated in forming the adult council.

AERONAUTICS BOARD HEARING ON AIRPORT SOON

Hearings by the Civil Aeronautis Board on the inclusion of Nevada City on Pacific Coast area (feeder) airlines now under consideration, will be held within 90 days, the Nevada City Nugget was advised today by Southwest Airways.

April 29 already has been set by the board as the date for a prehearing conference on Southwest's application. This will be followed by formal hearings within 30 to 60 days, the company predicted.

Extension of air transportation through this new type of service which links smaller communities to their natural trading centers and also "feeds" passenger, mail and express traffic to trunk airlines, this is moving with unprecedented speed. The Pacific Coast becomes the first area in the entire nation to be considered for feeder routes.

Next step in the program to insure that Nevada City is sanctioned for service was outlined to the Nevada City Chamber of Commerce in a letter from James G. Ray, Southwest vice-president.

He declared that a questionnaire covering economic data which the board will require for judging Nevada City needs for air service would be mailed within a few days, then concluded with the statement:

"We are very pleased to report this speeding up of the government's plans for establishing feeder air services. All that remains to be done now is for us to prove the need for it. We are confident the need exists, and that an adequate presentation of the economic data will put your community on the air map."

Accused Man Freed After Investigation

Charles F. Steggall, appearing for sentence in the superior court Thursday, after having pleaded guilty last week to passing a fictitious check, was released when District Attorney Ward Sheldon recommended that he withdraw his plea and that the case against him be dismissed.

In pleading guilty Steggall had asked for probation. Investigation revealed the fact that on handing a check to Dennis Jones of Soda Springs Steggall had told him he did not have the money in the bank at that time, but had promised to cover it with a deposit. Jones acknowledged that some such promise had been made. Accordingly Steggall was freed Friday.

RED CROSS FUND STILL GROWING

Donors who have not yet received credit for Red Cross contributions to Nevada City's quota are as follows:

Mrs. Lenore Coughlin's Doll Show $63.63. Nevada City Rotary Club $43.92. Mr. and Mrs. Byron L. Eastman (San Francisco) $35.00. Broadway Theatre—Partial $20.00. Nevada City High School Language Club $20.00. Ward Sheldon $15.00. William Durham $15.00. Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Osborne $15.00. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. C. Gaus $10.00. Mr. and Mrs. J. Hilliard $10.00. Mrs. May M. Crew $10.00. H. Merema $10.00. Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Clark $7.50.

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Ray Batt $4.00. W. S. Coughlan $3.00. E. L. Sharpe $3.00.

$2.50—Mr. and Mrs. Henry Jacobs, Oliver C. Carter, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hiscox, Patricia and Bill Sturtevant, Mr. and Mrs. John Zunino, Mrs. Gertrude English.

$2.00—Louis St. Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. L. Luther, Mr. and Mrs. H. I. Schofield, Onesiphore Lemay, Mr. and Mrs. Max Lantz, Esther Kauppilo,

Gold Flat School Children (2nd) $1.50.

$1.00—Patrick Dowd, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Young, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Malcolm, George English, Mrs. A. James, Thorn English, Thomas Bigelow, Walter McCully, George Murphy, L. K. Wallington, H. E. Kauppilo, L. Emmot, Mrs. Mae Grey, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Pharr, Bridgie Mahoney, Mary Joan Campbell, Chester Bigelow, James Matson, Herbert Eaton, R. Drake, A. W. Reefe.

Less than $1.00—Earl Christman.

MINER TAKES OWN LIFE IN AUTOMOBILE

James Jerry McCarthy, 45, who had been missing since March 26th when he dropped out of sight, was found dead in the rear compartment of his automobile in the Banner district Friday shortly before noon.

McCarthy, according to Coroner Alvah Hooper, had placed a hose from the exhaust of the car up through the rear seat and then started the motor in operation.

The body was found by Ed Addington of Nevada City, who was cruising through the woods in search of timber to cut.

Addington notified the sheriff's office, which in turn notified Coroner Hooper. Hooper and Deputy Sheriff Carl Larsen made an investigation.

The last seen of McCarthy was of midnight March 26th when he had met his wife who was returning on the midnight Camp Beale bus and drove her to family home in Kendall Court. He then is reported to have said, "I'm leaving."

A back injury which McCarthy received in 1939 while employed at the Lava Cap mine and from which he never fully recovered, induced despondency and is believed the reason for taking his own life. He was scheduled to undergo an operation at Sacramento this month.

McCarthy had been a watchman at the Lava Cap mine since his injury.

He was a native of Wisconsin and had been a resident of Grass Valley for five years. He was affiliated and active in the Socialist Labor Party.

His chief hobbies were sports of all kinds and a fondness for music.

Those surviving consist of a wife, Mrs. Edith McCarthy, civilian worker at Camp Beale; two daughters, Mrs. Barbara Christensen and Bennice McCarthy, Grass Valley and a son, James McCarthy, Jr., Grass Valley. Five brothers, a sister, nieces and nephews, reside in Wisconsin.

REMEMBER TO VOTE TOMORROW

Tomorrow is election day in Nevada City with four candidates for three seats on the city council. The four are Irvine Seaman, incumbent, Irging Long, Antone J. Rore and Ernest O. Young. Retiring from the board are Dr. J. R. Ivey and Frank Davies, who did not seek reelection. Mayor Ben Hall and Councilman Al Bates continue in office for two more years.

Usually for city elections two polling places are open.. This year all voting will take place at the City Hall.

LT. BILL JOYAL GETS HIS JAP

The following letter is from Lt. W. L. Joyal, better known to his wide circle of friends here as "Bill." He is in the U. S. air forces and was sent from the Atlantic seaboard to New Guinea in recent months. Mrs. Harriette Farmer has kindly loaned her letter to the Nugget that all may read it.

New Guinea, 3, 20, 44

Dear Mrs. Farmer:

I have been going to write to you for quite a while and finally made it. I guess you never did expect to get a letter from me from way "down under."

The weather down here isn't exactly what is to be desired. It changes on a moment's notice making quite a hazard of flying. When it rains here it pours! I have seen a five gallon can fill up in twenty minutes through a hole in the top, one and a half inches in diameter. That beats California rains by quite a bit. The mud gets to be a foot or two deep and it is almost impossible to get around. Then it will clear up and in a few hours everything will be dry and dust blowing in our faces. It gets rather warm sometimes too. About 110° or 112°. The nights are pretty cool though. Early in the morning we need a blanket to be comfortable.

This country is beautiful from the air but I can't say as much for it from the ground. It is all jungle and mountains. The mountains are as high as 14,000 feet and the jungle is impenetrable. There are some beautiful tropical islands around. Some of them are old volcanoes with lakes in the center. They make a beautiful sight from the air. Distance doesn't mean a thing down here. I was lucky to get into the best outfit in this area. It is an established outfit and all the fellows are old timers.

The official score of our group is 201 Jap planes to a loss of four of our own. That is pretty good. I am the only one with less than 200 hours that has a Jap to his credit. I had about fifty hours and had a Jap plane and helped sink a small Jap freighter. I was just lucky to get on the right missions.

The Japs are awfully hard to find and don't want to fight when we do find them. It is mostly a case of luck when we do find them. When we saw them we knocked down seven and got four probables. That isn't bad considering that none of us even got a hole in his ship and we were outnumbered two to one.

I haven't been flying much lately. All the older fellows want to fly when there is a chance for action so I stay on the ground. Time drags heavily when I'm not flying, too, so I write a lot of letters. I hope I get answers to all of them. It will make things easier.

The mail service is very poor down here. I got some letters from Margie, (his wife) and mother on February 29 and have only received a couple since. I eagerly wait for mail each day with the same luck.

Well, Mrs. Farmer. I think I will close now. I hope I hear from you soon and get all the home town news. I wish I were back there.

As ever, Bill.

Bill is a former Nugget carrier and the best wishes of the entire community go to him for good luck and a safe return home.

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TOMORROW'S JOB

There is growing concern here on the Coast that since the Pacific war probably will outlast that in Europe, the Eastern war plants will be released before those here, and Eastern industry will get the jump on the west in converting to peace uses.

It is not a particularly gratifying prospect, but California is striding manfully ahead with the double objective of measuring up to its status as Pacific arsenal and preparing for what comes after. Today, it is well along the right road, it appears, to accomplish both, and stupendous undertakings are in the making.

"Opportunities worthy of Californians", is the designation applied by writer Robert C. Elliott to the immense program of the State Reconstruction and Reemployment Commission, working to stimulate peace time jobs, higher living standards and new commerce here. Billions of dollars worth of business, and jobs for approximately a million new citizens are the imposing goals set by planned projects for residential building, apparel manufacture, tourist trade and production of new commodities ranging from specialty agricultural crops to drugs, furs and newly perfected by-products of milk, straw, oid and lumber.

It is enescapable that the continuance of the Japanese war after the European fighting is over will leave the main burden on Pacific Coast states. But it need not be California's inexorable fate to languish unrequited forever after. The practical projects that are taking shape under the guidance of business leaders who dare to envision and plan them, will aid immseasurably in accomplishing the task at hand today and readying the scene for tomorrow's jobs as well.—Contributed.

WRONG SIDE OF THE ALPS!

There is little comfort in assuaging our pride by telling each other that the Italian campaign is only a diversionary front—unless it actually was intended by the military command to be a diversionary front. That, the military command has not yet seen fit to explain. Whether or not such was its aim, certainly the hard fighting has drawn Nazis away from the spots where Hitler would prefer to have them.

The air is thick with conjecture. Were the Allied troops below Rome originally intended to join with the army that months ago swept victoriously across Siciliy, fought valiantly to establish its beach heads—and stopped in its tracks on the toe of the boot? Were those merged forces meant to drive on together across the Alps and down on Hitler's inner defenses, while the invasion army on Britain rolled across to meet them from the north?

Or has the great and costly fight at the spot where Cassino once stood, been from the first, a mattle to divert Nazis divisions from Hitler's stout defense walls? Until our military leaders are ready to divulge the facts on that score the questions will continue to fly. Hitler may be wondering just as much as we are about the ultimate objective, but he cannot fail to observe that the Italian campaign has accomplished a devastating diversionary purpose regardless of what it set out to do.

It seems at least possible that allied possession of certain Italian cities may be deemed by our high command unnecessary adjuncts to the strategy of invasion. The big job is to crush Hitler in his own Reich stronghold. And with due consideration to Italy's present position in the war picture, it may be significant to note that both Rome and Florence are on the wrong side of the Alps.—Contributed.

AN OBJECT LESSON

The State Reconstruction and Reemployment Commission and several of its citizens advisory committees, one of them representing agriculture, met in Sacramento the other day.

One of the members of the agriculture advisory committee said: "We must readjust our agriculture to take care of greatly increased city populations."

Another said: "Every effort should be made to stabilize farm wages and keep them on the present relative scale with industry."

Still another said: "Farm wages should be stabilized in comparison with city labor."

Others expressed similar sentiments. The common thread that ran through all was a recognition of the inter-relationship of city and country in these matters. The same interrelation prevails in many other fields.

Obviously this calls for broad understanding between city and country and mutual effort for the solution of common problems. Unfortunately, the understanding does not always exist and the effort is not always made.

San Francisco, for some years now, has done much to enlarge its own understanding of regional problems and it has expended considerable effort toward the solution of problems which it shares in common with other areas, as well as trying to help others cope with problems exclusively their own.

San Francisco realizes that building a well-rounded, smooth running economy here in Northern and Central California after the war calls for continuous and understanding cooperation between city and country and it can be depended on to act accordingly.—Contributed.

SOCIAL SECURITY BIG FACTOR IN CONGRESSIONAL REVOLT

The recent revolt in Congress, highlighted by the speech of Senator Barkley and his subsequent resignation as Majority Leader of the Senate, has centered wide attention on the use made of Social Security reserves. Senator Barkley accused President Roosevelt of desiring to increase Social Security taxes solely for the purpose of meeting current government expense.

In making this charge, Senator Barkley opened up a field of discussion heretofore confined to experts. Actuaries and others who have studied the subject have long recognized the need for careful and thorough research into the question of Social Security reserves—whether such reserves are necessary or desirable, how they should be set up, and what limits should be placed upon them. But while the public may not be familiar with all the problems involved, it should be known and recognized that, for many reasons, these problems have little or no relation to the necessity for adequate reserves for insurance companies. Nor is there any known sound acturial method of setting up Social Security reserves. Present reserves under our Social Security system are the result of an entirely arbitrary arrangement and no man can say positively that they are either adequate, inadequate or needed at all.

The Wagner-Murray-Dingell bill, now before both houses of Congress, would perpetuate the same problems, and, in fact, aggravate them, since by expanding our present system it would create much larger reserves and thus add proportionately to the danger that these funds would become a political football. It would aggravate the danger that Social security taxes would be regarded as a part of the general revenue of the government, and for all practical purposes used as such.

The fact that Social Security taxes, and, by implication at least Social Security reserves, occupied such a prominent place in the break between congress and the executive branch, leads directly to the conclusion that many aspects of our present system should be carefully studied with a view to establishing a solid foundation before the people are urged to consent to a plan of expansion which would perpetuate many of the unfortunate features of the present system. There is a place for the right Social Security system in the United States, but no such system should be developed on any but the firmest of foundations. The futures of too many people are involved.—Contributed.

Farm WAR NEWS

OILMEAL SITUATION EASED

The tight oilmeal situation which has plagued the feed picture through out the winter appears to be greatly relieved. The State AAA Office has announced that the State Allocation from April set-aside is expected to be sufficient to meet all essential requirements which are not met through normal channels. This will be the first month when the supply available to the State from the 20% set-aside will be sufficient to meet nearly all of the requests received from feeders and dealers.

Bits and Pieces—Government butter purchases will be resumed April 1 for the first time since last September, the War Food Administration reported in announcing that butter manufacturers will be required to set aside for war use only 10 per cent of their output during April. To turn out last years record food and fiber production some 14 1-2 million different persons worked on the nations farms in 1943, according to a Department of Agricul tural report. Because of the seasonal nature of farm work and the large turnover of persons doing small amounts of farm work the 14 1-2 million figure is naturally greater than the number at work at any given time in 1943, even during the peak. The total U. S. volume of construction activity in January was $315,793,000 nine per cent less than the December 1943 volume and 63 per cent under the $844,726,000 activity of January 1943. Housing activity in January dropped 18 per cent with Government-financed housing declining 25 per cent and privately financed world down 13 per cent. Stocks of merchantable potatoes in the hands of growers and local dealers on March were 70% larger than stoks on hand March 1, 1943. Apparent marketings to March 1 in the 37 late and intermediate states totaled nearly 220,000,000 bushels from the crop of 1943 compared with 178,000,000 bushels from the crop of 1942, on March 1, 1943 —an increase of 24%.

WAGE HEARING

Farmers and farm workers from central coast counties will attend a public hearing on Thursday. April 6, at the Civic Auditorium in San Jose, at 9:30 a. m., it was revealed today by Dave Davidson, Chairman, California WFA Wage Board. This hearing is being called by the California WFA Wage Board in response to requests that wage rate ceilings for harvesting pears, apricots, cherries, prunes and other competitive crops in that area be give consideration.

Davidson, in making this announcement, urged that producers and workers in areas adjacent to the central coast be present, particularly those from San Joaquin County interested in the cherry harvest and in addition growers and workers of competitive commodities in the central coast section will also benefity by attending the hearing.

Tree fruit acreage data would indicate that Santa Coara, Alameda, Contra Casta, Santa Cruz, San Benito and San Mateo Co nties on the coast area, and San Joaquin (cherries in the valley would be most affected in the event wage ceilings were placed in effect for the general area covering deciduous crops.

Hearings in connection with harvest ceilings rates for other heavy producing tree fruit areas are not scheduled, according to the Wage Board Chairman.

Before any wage celling order can be issued, it is necessary that a hearing be held where producers, workers and interested persons may present testimony to the Wage Board. The Wage Board in turn will submit to the War Food Administration recommendations upon testimony gathered at the hearing.

Davidson emphasized the importance of there being representation from growers and we workers alike when the wage proposal is considered, and expressed a hope that persons oncerened with competing crops would also be present.

TO ADDRESS GROWERS AND WORKERS

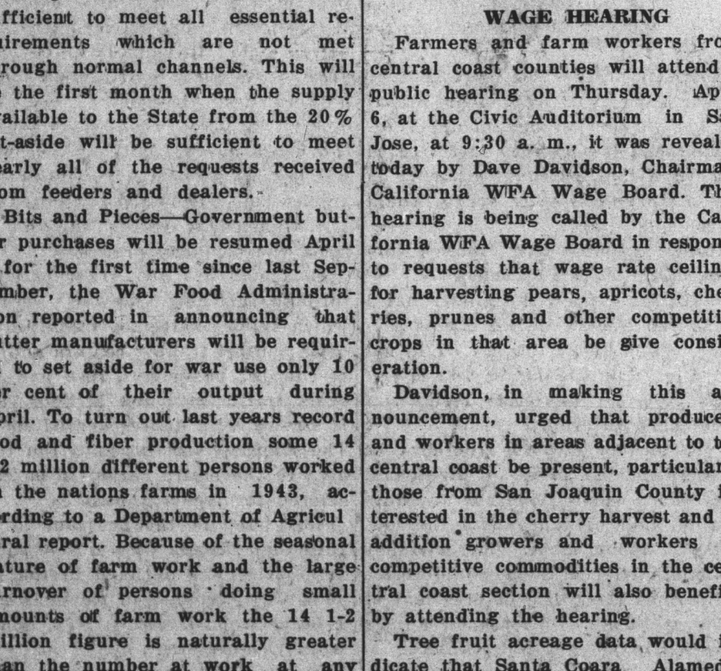
Purposes and administration of War Food Administration's farm wage stabilization program are scheduled for sicussions by George Hill, from the WFA Office of Labor, Washington, D. C., at two sessions in California, on April 3, in Berkele and April 5 in Los Angeles, according to an announcement released here today by Dave Davidson, Chairman of the California WFA Wage Board.

Northern California representatives of workers and farm organizations, including the Farm Bureau, Grange, Prodiction Council, Extension Service, and agricultural sections of Chambers of Commerce, will meet with Hill in the auditorium in the Farm Credity Building at Milvia and Center Streets, Berkeley, on Monday, April 3, at 10.00 a| m| A similar meeting, Davidson said, is slated to be held in the State Building at the Civic Center in Los Angeles on Wednesday, April 5, beginning at 10;00 a. m.

Davidson indicated that the operation of specific commodity wage ceilings has met with rather wide acceptance in California, that the general wate regulation containing the 'freeze" of agricultural wages at levels above $2400 per year are subject to interpretation and clarification, and it is expected that the Washington representative will be prepared to outline the scope and methods of the anti inflation regulations.

In His Shoes... for the "Duration"!

Overnight, she has "manned the pumps" from coast to coast. With a cheerful smile and willing service, she is doing her best to "keep 'em rolling" under difficult wartime conditions.



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The taxes on all personal property secured by real property and one half of the taxes on all real property for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1943, and ending June 30, 1944, will be due on the first day of November, 1943 and will be delinquent on the 5th of December, 1943, at 5 o'clock p. m. and unless paid prior thereto six per cent will be added to the amount thereof, and if said one half be not paid before the 20th day of April, 1944 at 5 o'clock p. m. an additional three percent will be added thereto. The remaining one half of the taxes on all real property will be payable on and after the first day of January 1944, and will be delinquent on the 20th day of April, 1944, at 6 o'clock p. m. and unless paid prior thereto three percent will be added to the amount thereof together with a further charge of 50c for each lot, piece of parcel of land separately assessed and for each assessment of personal property.

All taxes may be paid at the time the first installment as herein provided is due and payable.

Taxes are payable at the Treasurer's office, Nevada County Courthouse, Nevada City, California.

ELMA HECKER,
Ex Officio Tax Collector and County Treasurer, Nevada City, California.

NOMINEES FOR PUBLIC OFFICE

Notice is hereby given that the following persons have been nominated for the offices hereinafter mentioned to be filled at the General Election, to be held in the City of Nevada, on Tuesday, the 11th day of April, 1944. Voting place is the City Hall. The polls will be open at Eight O'clock A. M. and close at Six O'clock P. M.

Candidates for Councilman:
Irvine Seamon, (Incumbent).
Irving Long.
Antone J. Rore.
Ernest O. Young.

Dated: April 6, 1944.

GEO. H. CALANAN,
City Clerk.

April 6, 10.

NO. 4376
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF NEVADA.

In the Matter of the Estate of ANNA NORA AUSTIN, also known as NORA AUSTIN Deceased.

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, Executor of the last will of Anna Nora Auston, also known as Nora Austin, deceased, to the creditors of and all persons having claims against the said deceased, to file them, with the necessary vouchers, within six months after the first publication of this notice, in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the county of Nevada, or to exhibit such claims, with the necessary vouchers, within six months after the first publication of this notice to the said Executor at the law offices of James Snell, at No. 152½ Mill Street in the City of Grass Valley, County of Nevada, State of California, which said law offices the undersigned selects as his place of business in all matter connected with said Estate of Anna Nora Austin, also known as Nora Austin deceased.

Dated this 18th day of March, 1944.

IRVING LONG,
Executor of the last Will of Anna Nora Austin, also known as Nora Austin, Deceased.

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in the Cross T that he could count on absolutely.

When Rebel John Quarternight's white head appeared among those riders darting in and out of the dust cloud he rode over and waved him to a stop.

"John," he said, "I've taken over the herd. We're going to push this branding along."

He explained his way and added, grinning with the strong affection that he had for this man, "No argument now. I've heard it. I'll take no talk from a pullet like you!"

It was John Quarternight who had taught him all he knew about cattle, most of what he knew about men—a straight-backed, sturdy old warrior, close to seventy now, with deceivingly mild blue eyes and a drooping mustache turned yellow by the sun. His full life went into the past as far as the war for Texas independence, up through the Rebellion and after that the Apache days.

He chuckled. "No, got no argument. I'm beginnin' to think maybe we'd see Ogallala next Christmas! It's plain disgraceful pokin' irons at cows through a fence. But we'll give her a try." He swung his horse. "Build your fires, son. I'll tell the boys."

Lew's wave brought Quarternight around to him. He yelled above the rattle of horns slashing at the fence logs and the bellowing din: "Takes two hands for this, John!"

The old man stepped down beside him and grabbed a hot iron, shaped like a cross, with another bar on top to make the T. They worked from opposite ends of the

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penned steers, meeting in the middle. It was a choking job. Cottonwood made clouds of smoke. The rancid odor of singed hide filled the air. Over them a midday sun poured down a breathless heat.

But the longhorns were moving, ten by ten in endless parade. In half an hour's time Lew waved Joe Wheat and Ash Brownstone down to relieve himself and Quarternight at the irons. He walked back out of the dust and smoke to where Tom Arnold sat his horse, watching.

Arnold jerked a nod at the work. He looked as if a heavy weight had been lifted from him. There was humor in him again. "Man's never too old," he said, "to learn a new wrinkle! You'll have this job done by dark."

Tom Arnold was in the ranch office sorting out a pile of worn account books from the drawers of his desk. One was in his hands, held close to the window light.

He brought his gray head around, smiling faintly and far off. "Takes a man back, these things do." He ran a finger down the page. "Here's the first entry I ever made—'For Stella, ten yards poplin, two sets whalebone, one copper kettle, eighteen dollars.'" He looked outside over the deserted corrals and buildings. "Wasn't any of this here then, only a one-room house and a pile of ambition."

A quietness came over him and there was nothing that Lew wanted to say. Then Arnold said strongly, "Well, no complaint! A man loves a woman, raises a family and builds a ranch—that about completes the account, I guess." He turned back and laid the book on top of others in a wooden box. "Only one more thing I'd like to see. There's a paper in this, signed and legal. I'm storing the box in Joy's wagon. Not crowding fate any, but things happen. If that comes to me before we reach Ogallala you look in this book."

Time had come to set the guard. Night shadows had slid like a blanket off the high rimrock. Out beyond the firelight four thousand longhorns made a black pool, watered and contented now, ready to bed down.

Lew dropped his tin plate and cup into Owl-Head's wreck pan. He understood well enough that trail custom allowed a crew to draw for their turns at night riding. First watch from eight until eleven was always the best choice. No man wanted to break his sleep in the middle and so hated the second guard from eleven until two. From two until dawn was only a little better, the whole day being ahead then with these early-morning hours tacked on.

But for his own reason this trip he had decided to set the watch deliberately. He wanted Clay and Splann and Steve in separate guards.

He made a cigarette in brown corn shuck paper and stooped for a burning-stick end. With the light up close he looked across at lank Joe Wheat. "Joe," he said, "I'm picking you to lead the first watch."

All of the faces ringed around the fire lifted toward him. There was a tight silence. Then Ed Splann, his huge shape sprawled off, half hidden, growled out, "How about lettin' us cut cards for turns, Mister Boss? Ain't that the usual caper? Cut for choice and choose our own watchmates, that's what,"

Then Lew said, "Well, Clay, we might as well understand something at the start. You've been a foreman long enough to know what the job means. Plenty of times come along when you don't stop to explain your orders. I don't intend to. Like the way I'm setting this guard." He brought his eyes around the ring of faces and stopped on Splann's surly stare. "If anyone here can't take my say-so he'd better quit right now."

He held that stare for a moment, saw its cold, hard steeliness and understood what he saw. "All right," he said and turned again to Wheat. "Joe, you'll take first guard with Clay and Neal Good. I'll take second; Steve, I want you to ride with me, you and John. That leaves the tag end for you, Ash, with Charley Storms and Ed Splann."

Ash Brownstone, Quarternight and Joe Wheat were the old men of this crew, all of them dependable. Thus he had one trusted hand in each of the three guards.

Some of the men unrolled their blankets beneath gray canvas tarpaulins. Standing near the fire, Lew watched Steve make a cigarette with unsteady hands, spill part of the tobacco and irritably start another. But then he threw the paper away.

"I'm going in to the house, Lew," he said and looked off somewhere before he asked, "You riding in?"

Lew shook his head idly. "No, guess not." Yet he watched the quick turn of Steve's shoulders with a frowning interest. And afterward, when he heard his horse race off toward the creek woods, he said quietly to John Quarternight, "Wouldn't hurt to stand double guard for a little while. Let's ride."

Mounted, he held to the darkness, keeping clear of the longhorns, and then drew to a halt off on the barren, empty plain. He saw old Rebel John sitting up high in his saddle, smelling the wind for trouble, and said, "Wait."

It wasn't long. Moving slowly, a horse circled out from the creek growth, shielded by the dark. Later its hoofbeats struck up a faster pace, aiming for the short row of lights that was Ox Bow town, five miles away.

Angry and bitter with this knowledge that Steve was making a sneak, Lew sat rigid, listening, until Quarternight said, "That boy never could cover his tracks!"

"He's got no good business in town, John—not now."

Off in the east the first lonely gray of dawn was spreading upward from the plains. The black pool of four thousand longhorns had risen, held by the last guard of the night.

As casually as that, as if this might be only a half day's drive to the railroad, the Cross T moved into its march of twelve hundred miles.

It was the usual start, no better nor worse than he had expected. He watched backward over the repeated melees, yet took no hand. Both men and beasts needed to get the fight out of their systems.

At noon Owl-Head swung his four-mule commissary out of line and pulled up a mile to the front. By the time the herd reached him he had his two-gallon pot of coffee boiled. Singly or in pairs the men paused, drank from their saddles and rode on to catch the drifting longhorns. There was no stop.

Taking his cup, Lew said, "Keep on due north and you'll find a tank for your night camp. Raise a smoke to lead us in."

He rode over to Joy's wagon seat. She had on a white muslin dress and one of Steve's broad-brimmed hats. But the sun had burned a red triangle at her throat and she looked tired and hot.

She smiled up at him and yet she couldn't hide what he knew. The wagon had no springs. Jolting along this rough ground, she was taking even more punishment than a man in his saddle.

"All right?" he asked.

"I'll get used to it," she said.

"Try walking sometime. And if you get too tired you can hitch your mules to Owl-Head's coupling pole and lie down." He rode back and unfastened the end flaps of canvas and secured them against the bows. That made a tunnel beneath the top. The wagon's motion would stir a little wind to keep her cool.

Hour by hour through a breathless afternoon the blunt arrowhead grazed forward, leaving a mile-wide swath of barren, dusty earth where it had passed. With the disputes for places settled the animals moved quietly now, and on either side the swing men closed up in little groups to ride and talk.

(TO BE CONTINUED)

MT. ST. MARY'S ANNUAL BUSINESS SCHOOL PARTY

The students and the alumni of Mount St. Mary's Business School, grass Valley, are sponsoring their annual party on Tuesday, April 11. Since our boys are in the armed forces, both this year and last year, we have had to substitute our annual dance with other forms of entertainment. The proceeds of this year's card party will go to the convent chapel improvements, and the card party—both whist and bridge—will take place on the school grounds in St. Cecelia's Auditorium with entrances on Dalton Street, Chapel Street or Church Street. As many of our friends will come on the bus from Nevada City, we are beginning the playing promptly at eight o'clock in order to finish in time to enable those guests to get the last bus home.

During the evening, coffee and doughnuts will be served for a very small amount, in order to cover the expenses. And, of course, our party would not be complete without the many and varied prizes we have to offer.

For the winners of the various games, we are offering twenty prizes, also a door prize, a thirty one piece breakfast set—all gifts from our Grass Valley and Nevada City merchants. And best of all, an incentive for attending, we are going to award a twenty five dollar war bond. Tickets for this bond may be purchased from any member of the business school or obtained at the party Tuesday night.

We are also making it possible to purchase that night, groceries, home made cakes and candy.

GAS TAX SHOWS UPWARD TREND

SACRAMENTO, April 10.—Continuing the upward trend established in January, California gasoline tax collections for February showed a gain of $503,255, or 15.3 per cent over the corresponding revenue of a year ago.

The State Board of Equalization reported this favorable comparison here today upon completion of a tax levy of $3,772,030 based on dsitribution of 125,734,339 gallons of motor vehicle fuel during February. Further analyzing the figures, the report continued:

"Although this marks a decline of some $167,000 under the tax for January, that fact is not indicative of a downward trend in the yield. It is the normal relationship between January and February figures, due, in part, to the shorter month and, in part, to seasonal fluctuations. Invariably during the past four years the February tax has been less than that for January.

"It may well be, however, that the increase over 1943 gasoline tax revenues thus far established will not continue due to the more stringent rationing recently enforced. Were it not for the fact that increasing commercial operations over California highways have offset declining passenger car use, the tax revenues would have dropped and would continue to drop much more sharply."

As an example of the growth of commercial highway transportation, Collins cited the fact that the revenue from the three per cent gross receipts tax on these carriers had practically doubled in the past year so that it now amounts to almost $6,000,000 annually.

Rev. Frank Buck Is New Rector of Emmanuel

Rev. Frank Buck, who has been engaged as rector of Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Grass Valley to fill the vacancy which has existed since Rev. Merrill Norton resigned, conducted morning and evening services on Easter Sunday.

Rev. Buck is a Canadian and has recently received his visas for intrance to the United States. He served as senior chaplain with the rank of lieutenant colonel for two years with the New Zealand 8th Army in North Africa.

Mrs. Buck accompanied her husband to his new post inGrass Valley. A sixteen year old son will follow at the end of the school year. Their oldest son is a member of the Royal Canadian Air Force.

Soldier and Bride Visit Nevada City

Visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Martine Saturday were Mrs. Martine's brother, Ben Pryor, CM 2/c, C-3 and bride. They were married Thursday at the bride's home in Colusa and spent two days of their honeymoon at Bret Harte Inn in Grass Valley. Pryor is home on leave from a year's stay in Dutch Harbor. Present for the dinner Saturday honoring the marriage were bride and groom, Miss Frances Pryor, sister of the groom and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Martine.

Elks Elect Board Of Home Directors

Stockholders of the Nevada City Elks Home, corporation which owns the Elks Building, met last week and elected the following officers and directors: John J. Fortier, president; John W. O'Neill, vice president; P. G. Scadden, secretary; H. A. Curnow, treasurer, and Thomas G. Richards, E. J. Ott, and George H. Calanan, board members.

TO LIVE IN GRASS VALLEY

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Brachler came up from Burligame last week and have rented a home in Grass Valley. He expects to be called into service shortly and she will remain in this section for the duration. She has three brothers, and two brothers in law in the service. They enjoyed a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sikes of Nevada City. Brachler was employed by the Purity Stores and lived here a year.

Political Advertisement

ROAD PLANNER

Congressman Clair Engle, candidate for reelection, as a member of the vital House Committee on Roads, is actively working with the State, County and Civic leaders on important post war road projects for his district.

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The Ferrying Division, through it's various Groups, delivers aircraft to the Allied Nations fighting fronts the world over. In addition to ferrying duties, the 20th Ferrying Group serves as a reception and orientation center for both officer and enlisted men newly assigned to the Ferrying Division and Air Transport Command. Intensive doctrination courses physical training and specialized instruction designed to equip them for Ferrying Division duties anywhere on the globe are given.

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GAME BOARD SEEKS TO AVOID DEER DAMAGE

SAN FRANCISCO, April 10.—Acting in meeting in San Francisco, Commissioner Lee F. Payne moved that the Fish and Game Commission go on record as favoring the regular deer season as set forth in the Fish and Game Code. This move was seconded by Commissioner Williams of Alturas.

For the past two years the deer season has been altered due to military necessity, but it is hoped that such action will not be required again, and that deer hunting may be resumed in accordance with the regulations of the Fish and Game Code.

Resumption of this regular deer season, states Commissioner Payne, would be a means of eliminating much of the deer damage farmers have had to deal with since the curtailment of the season. The lack of hunting pressure has caused the deer to become increasingly bold, and they now migrate from their normal range into the arable land of the farmer. Likewise, it would give the sportsmen not free to travel great distances for their deer an opporunity to hunt. This is particularly true of residents in the coastal areas, where deer hunting was prohibited last year.

WILLOUGHBY—In Nevada City, Nevada County, April 7, 1944, Alfred Willoughby, husband of Mrs. Emily Willoughby, father of Mrs. Ralph Harris and Mrs. Percy Bosanko, all of Grass Valley, a native of Cornwall, England, aged 66 years. Funeral services were held April 10th in Grass Valley. Interment was in the Odd Fellows Cemetery.

TOWN TALK TROUBLES

By EDW. C. UREN

Scarcely more than 40 years has elapsed since Town Talk was the pausing place for horse drawn vehicles, which were all we had to worry about in those days. For the weary horses it meant a drink at the watering troughs on either side of the road and an easy down-hill trot into town.

If we felt prosperous enough we hired a buggy and proudly drove out of town behind one of Jimmy Hennessy's "humming birds" and in forty five minutes, provided we pushed hard enough on the reins, we were in Grass Valley. The return home was always much quicker because Jimmy's horses were always homesick and put on a burst of speed as they neared town.

The thirsty and thoughtful generally stopped at Larry Fitzgeralds drink emporium, on the right going out, and while the horse cooled his nose in the trough went inside and cheered his innards with one of Larry's famous claret punches, not forgetting of course to admonish Larry to be sure and give it the proper foundation. Ice, lemon, sugar and a lot of arm motion for the sum of ten cents.

Then came the electric line in 1902, and traffic between the two towns increased ten fold for the cars were modern, the track was built of 70 pound rails and the service was good.

About 1910 Model T's began to sputter and rattle along the unpaved roads and when the weary motorist and his rumble seat guest, who always wore linen dusters and goggles, finally reached the top after cleaning his plugs a few times, he generally needed a little refreshment to wash the dust from his larynx before coasting into town. But as the gas cars improved there was less occasion to stop and so Larry's, and many like him, folded up on account of lack of patronage.

Town Talk was also the top of the grade for the iron horse of the Narrow Gauge and passengers awaiting the train in town could generally hear the five blasts of the whistle which warned the brakeman to duck low for the tunnel timbers.

The Narrow Gauge tunnel is about 430 feet long and about 16 by 16 feet in section. When it was excavated in 1875 the ground at the entrance to both portals, for a considerable distance back, was hydraulicked away until the exposed banks were some 25 feet high.

There is no rock in the tunnel. In fact a small gravel channel passes through it and on down the ridge, under the lava, toward Rough and Ready.

The wet sand of this channel has always been a source of trouble and expense to the railroad and at the moment is the origin of some ten inches of water flowing continuously from the east portal. For this reason the tunnel is closely timbered as the ground is heavy and hard to hold.

Although the Narrow Gauge has been abandoned only about a year, like everything else of man's perishable construction, the timbers are giving away and a large hole some 15 feet in diameter has opened clear through to the surface about 50 feet in from the east portal and a sizeable part of the newly graded Lower Road has dropped away under the heavy retaining wall built by the county five years ago.

As time goes on other portions of the tunnel will collapse and not only the main highway but all three branch roads will break away and settle. Apparently nothing can be done to ward off this disaster. To concrete such an opening is out of the question on account of the expense.

To replace the settlement will require something like 3700 yards of rock and earth and it will give both the highway department and the supervisors a headache and plenty of trouble before it is filled from above and impacted again.

HOUSEWIVES GIVEN FACTS OF RATIONING

Housewives can easily budget the red and blue ration stamps now. Five blue stamps—totaling 50 points—become valid the first day of each month. Three red stamps—totaling 30 points—become valid every other Sunday. (Mark your calendar with these dates on which new red stamps come into use: April 9, April 23, May 7, May 21, etc.) Food ration stamps, like the red and blue tokens, now have no expiration date and will be good as long as food rationing is necessary—so use your tokens first and keep them in circulation.

Mrs. America soon will be able to put on the skillets—without restriction—by benefit of the War Production Board. The WPB has removed restrictions on specifications for types of cast iron ware—skillets, griddles, household kettles, dutch oven—because of improvements in the supply of pig iron. In addtion, manufacturers will be permitted to produce either muffin pans or corn or break stick pans. These products are expected to be available to civilians by mid-summer.

The comfort of spring filled furniture, manufacture of which is now permitted by the War Production Board, should not cost Mrs. America more unless it cost the manufacturer more to produce. For OPA regulations provide no change in the retail price of articles which are produced at the same cost as previously. On the other hand if the manufacturer starts making furniture with springs and it costs him less to produce than pre-war goods, this furniture will cost the customer less.

Only a tablespoon of waste fat is needed to compound enough vaccine to protect 73 men — but there are hundreds of other uses for fats. Smart housewives are placing a bowl those bits of solid fat that are left on plates or are trimmed from meat. Once a week, when their oven is on, they melt them down and add the fat thus salvaged to their regular collection. Two free meat ration points and four cents a pound is the bonus paid by butchers. The important return is that feeling of satisfaction from a patriotic deed well done.

Mrs. America can reach into the processed foods picture today and pull out a plum minus ration points—to be exact plum jam. For both plum and fig jams can now be purchased without points. These jams have not been moving and the production was unusually heavy. So they have been made point free.

Although the WPB has again made stainless steel available for cutlery, don't expect to find these goods in stores for several months. Stainless steel knives have not been manufactured since June, 1942.

BOSWORTHS HOME AGAIN

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bosworth who have been employed in war work in the Richmond district two years, have returned to their home on Gold Flat to stay. Bosworth, who suffered severe injuries in world war one, came back here on account of his health. He expects to resume his work of repair and upholstering, opening up a shop near his home.

BORN

MORRIS—In Nevada City, Nevada County, April 5, 1944, to Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Morris, a daughter.

SUMMERVILLE—In Nevada City, Nevada County, April 5, 1944, to Mr. and Mrs. George Summerville of Grass Valley, a son.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Quinn of Downieville visited friends in Nevada City Thursday, his first trip here in several years. He is superintendent of the Sierra County hospital. Mrs. Quinn is a sister of Sierra County Surveyor Ross Taylor.

PUBLIC SHOOTING GROUND PROJECT

SAN FRANCISCO, April 10.—The State Division of Fish and Game became definitely committed to a public shooting grounds acquisition program when the Fish and Game Commission, at its meeting in San Francisco, March 16-17, instructed the Bureau of Game Conservation to immediately undertake an investigation for acquisition and management of suitable areas for this purpose.

"The commission does not intend to operate a lot of fancy game clubs" stated Nate F. Milnor, president of the Commission, "but it does intend to provide areas where the unattached sportsman can enjoy some shooting during the open waterfowl season."

Actually the public shooting grounds program began more than a year ago when the Division acquired Unit No. 1 of the Honey Lake waterfowl management area in eastern Lassen County. Fifty per cent of this 2,000 acre tract is open to shooting by the public and although undeveloped at present due to war time restrictions, it will provide some excellent early season waterfowl shooting in post war years. The area is also one of the best waterfowl nesting grounds in the state.

Following its flat-footed endorsement of a public shooting grounds program, the Commission also unanimously resolved to renew its efforts to secure modification of the migratory waterfowl regulations which will provide for the partioning of the state into two shooting zones. The Commission feels the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service must take into consideation that waterfowl recognize natural not political boundaries and that California, almost 900 miles long, cannot properly harvest the annual waterfowl crop on a state wide basis under the present zoning system.

Miss Betty Eldredge Heads Grass Valley BPWC

The Grass Valley Business and Professional Women's Club has elected Miss Betty Eldredge, president for the coming term, succeeding Mrs. Ellen Joyner, whose term expires.

Other officers chosen are Vada Meeker, vice president; Ethel Foote, second vice president; Dr. Pearl Schneider, third vice president; Florence Hahn, recording secretary; Ruth Truscott, corresponding secretary; Esther Hartung, treasurer; Melba Hughes, auditor; and Ellen Joyner, director at large.

Delegates elected to attend the spring conference in Redding, Shasta County, are Ruth Truscott, Vada Meeker and Ethel Foote, with alternates Lea Pengelly, Kathryn Grant, Ellen Joyner, and Margaret Morris.

NOTICE OF ELECTION

FOR MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE NEVADA CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the Electors of the Nevada City Unified School District of Nevada County, California, that the Annual Election for members of the Board of Education of said district will be held at the Nevada City Elementary School in said District, on the last Saturday in April, viz: on April 29, 1944.

It will be necessary to elect two members.

The polls will be open between the hours of one o'clock P. M., and seven o'clock P. M.

The officers appointed to conduct the election in the above named District are:

Mary Hoskins, Inspector.
Minnie Sandow, Judge.
Clara Phillips, Judge.

MILES D. COUGHLIN,
Clerk of the Board of Education, Nevada City Unified School District.
Apr. 10, 17, 24.

Grass Valley Red Cross Drive Over Top

In a letter of appreciation addressed to the people of Grass Valley, Mrs. Lawrence Taylor, chairman of the Red Cross drive, yesterday announced that the city had reached its quota of $17,100.

She states that the goal was reached because of the generous aid of school children, contributions of citizen soldiers at home and abroad, local organizations which gave many benefit parties to swell the fund, and generous outpouring of cash by individual contributors.

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